

Thursday, March 18, 1999

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2881–S2977

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 656–667, S.J. Res. 15, and S. Res. 69–70. **Pages S2934–35**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. 334, to amend the Federal Power Act to remove the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to license projects on fresh waters in the State of Hawaii. (S. Rept. No. 106–26)

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Measures Passed:

Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 70, to authorize representation of Senate and Members of the Senate in the case of James E. Pietrangelo, II v. United States Senate, et al.

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Greek Independence Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 50, designating March 25, 1999, as “Greek Independence Day: A Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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National Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 47, designating the week of March 21 through March 27, 1999, as “National Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S2976–77**

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of S. 544, making emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions for recovery from natural disasters, and foreign assistance, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, taking action on the following amendments:

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Adopted:

Stevens Amendment No. 80, to defer certain funds for use in connection with expiring or terminating section 8 contracts until October 1, 1999.

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Stevens (for McCain) Amendment No. 82, to extend the aviation insurance program through May 31, 1999. **Pages S2900–01**

Stevens (for Grassley) Amendment No. 83, to expedite adjudication of civil monetary penalties by the Department of Health and Human Services Appeals Board. **Pages S2900–01**

Stevens (for Shelby/Stevens) Amendment No. 84, to make a technical correction with regard to Title 49 Recodification. **Pages S2900–01**

Stevens (for Byrd) Amendment No. 85, to make a technical correction with regard to the Emergency Steel Loan Guarantee Program. **Pages S2900–01**

Stevens (for Frist/Thompson) Amendment No. 86, to increase, with a rescission, the supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military construction for the Army National Guard.

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Stevens Amendment No. 87, to provide that the taking of a Cook Inlet beluga whale under the exemption provided in section 101(b) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act between the date of the enactment of this Act and October 1, 2000 shall be considered a violation of such Act unless such taking occurs pursuant to a cooperative agreement between the National Marine Fisheries Service and Cook Inlet Marine Mammal Commission. **Pages S2900–01**

Stevens Amendment No. 88, to provide that funds provided in the Department of Commerce, Justice and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999 (P.L. 105–277, Division A, Section 101(b)) for the construction of a correctional facility in Barrow, Alaska shall be made available to the North Slope Borough. **Pages S2900–01**

Stevens (for Helms/McConnell) Amendment No. 93, relating to activities funded by the appropriations to the Central America and the Caribbean Emergency Disaster Recovery Fund. **Pages S2916–17**

Stevens (for Reid) Amendment No. 94, to make available certain funds for technical assistance related to shoreline erosion at Lake Tahoe, Nevada caused by high lake levels. **Pages S2916–17**

Stevens (for Kyl) Amendment No. 95, to make available certain funds for emergency repairs to the Headgate Rock Hydroelectric Project. **Pages S2916–17**

Stevens (for Domenici) Amendment No. 96, to rescind certain funds made available for the Lackawanna River, Scranton, Pennsylvania. **Pages S2916–17**

Stevens (for Jeffords/Bingaman) Amendment No. 97, to provide that the Agency for International Development should undertake efforts to promote reforestation, with careful attention to the choice, placement, and management of species of trees consistent with watershed management objectives designed to minimize future storm damage, and to promote energy conservation through the use of renewable energy and energy-efficient services and technologies. **Pages S2916–17**

Stevens (for Levin) Amendment No. 98, to authorize the disposal of the zirconium ore in the National Defense Stockpile. **Pages S2916–17**

Stevens (for Domenici) Amendment No. 100, to expand the jurisdiction of the State of New Mexico portion of the Southwest Border High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area to include Rio Arriba County, Santa Fe County, and San Juan County and to provide specific funding for these three counties. **Pages S2919–22**

Stevens (for Roberts) Amendment No. 101, to provide relief from unfair interest and penalties on refunds retroactively ordered by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. **Pages S2919–22**

Stevens Amendment No. 102, to exempt non-Indian Health Service and non-Bureau of Indian Affairs funds from section 328 of the Interior Department and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for fiscal year 1999. **Pages S2919–22**

Stevens (for Grams) Modified Amendment No. 103, to provide funding for annual contributions to public housing agencies for the operation of low-income housing projects. **Pages S2919–23**

Stevens (for Lincoln) Amendment No. 104, to provide for watershed and flood prevention debris removal that would not be authorized under the Emergency Watershed Program. **Pages S2919–22**

Stevens (for Gorton) Amendment No. 105, to prohibit the Secretary of Agriculture from assessing a premium adjustment for club wheat when calculating loan deficiency payments and to require the Secretary to compensate producers of club wheat for any previous premium adjustment. **Pages S2919–22**

Stevens Amendment No. 106, relating to commercial fishing and compensation eligibility in Glacier Bay. **Pages S2919–22**

Stevens (for Gorton) Amendment No. 107, to expand the eligibility of emergency funding to replacement and repair of power generation equipment. **Pages S2919–22**

Stevens (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 108, to provide funds to expand the home building program

for Central American countries affected by Hurricane Mitch. **Pages S2919–22**

Stevens (for Daschle) Amendment No. 109, to provide relief to the White River School District #47–1, White River, South Dakota. **Pages S2919–22**

Stevens (for Daschle) Amendment No. 110, to provide for equal pay treatment of certain Federal firefighters. **Pages S2919–22**

Stevens (for Dorgan/Craig) Amendment No. 112, to express the sense of the Senate that a pending sale of wheat and other agricultural commodities to Iran be approved. **Pages S2922–23**

Stevens (for Gregg) Amendment No. 113, to provide for a limitation on certain fishing permits or authorizations. **Pages S2922–23**

Stevens (for Crapo) Amendment No. 114, to transfer funds from the environmental program and management account of the Environmental Protection Agency to the State and tribal assistance grant account. **Page S2929**

Stevens (for Kohl/Harkin/Durbin) Amendment No. 115, to provide funding for conservation technical assistance. **Pages S2929–31**

Stevens (for Bond) Amendment No. 116, to appropriate additional funds to the fund maintained for funds made available under section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935, and to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to waive the limitation on the amount of such funds that may be devoted during fiscal year 1999 to 1 agricultural commodity or product thereof, with an offset. **Pages S2929–31**

Stevens (for Byrd/Stevens) Amendment No. 117, to provide funding for rural water infrastructure. **Pages S2929–31**

Stevens Amendment No. 118, to make available certain funds to any State determined by the Secretary of Agriculture to have been materially affected by the commercial fishery failure or failures declared by the Secretary of Commerce in September, 1998 under section 312(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. **Pages S2929–31**

Stevens (for Feinstein/Boxer) Amendment No. 119, to increase emergency grants to assist low-income migrant and seasonal farmworkers under section 2281 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, and to provide for increase in the amount of rescissions and offsets for the Food Stamp Program. **Pages S2929–31**

Stevens (for DeWine) Amendment No. 120, to provide authority and appropriations for the Department of State to carry out certain counterdrug research and development activities. **Pages S2931–32**

Rejected:

Specter Amendment No. 77, to permit the Secretary of Health and Human Services to waive

recoupment of Federal government medicaid claims to tobacco-related State settlements if a State uses a portion of those funds for programs to reduce the use of tobacco products, to improve the public health, and to assist in the economic diversification of tobacco farming communities. (By 71 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 53), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Hutchinson Amendment No. 89, to require prior congressional approval before the United States supports the admission of the People's Republic of China into the World Trade Organization. (By 69 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 54), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Torricelli Amendment No. 92, to terminate the funding and investigation of any independent counsel in existence more than 3 years, 6 months after the termination of the independent counsel statute. (By voice vote, Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Pending:

Hutchison Amendment No. 81, to set forth restrictions on deployment of United States Armed Forces in Kosovo.

Pages S2899-S2900

Stevens (for Enzi) Amendment No. 111, to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from promulgating certain regulations relating to Indian gaming and to prohibit the Secretary from approving class III gaming without State approval.

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Senate earlier adopted Amendment No. 111 (listed above) and by unanimous consent vitiated its adoption.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of certain amendments to be proposed to the bill, and that following disposition of these amendments, the bill be advanced to third reading and passed, and that when the Senate receives the House companion bill, the House bill be passed, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of the Senate bill (S. 544), as amended. Further, that the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House, the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, and the Senate bill be placed back on the Calendar.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Friday, March 19, 1999.

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Cuban Human Rights: Senate began consideration of S. Res. 57, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the human rights situation in Cuba, after the Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.

Pages S2923-29

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the Committee on Foreign Relations to be discharged from further consideration of the resolution, and the Senate proceed to its consideration.

Pages S2923-24

Education Flexibility Partnership Act—Conferees: By unanimous consent, the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees to H.R. 800, to provide for education flexibility partnerships: Senators Jeffords, Gregg, Frist, DeWine, Enzi, Hutchinson, Collins, Brownback, Hagel, Sessions, Kennedy, Dodd, Harkin, Mikulski, Bingaman, Wellstone, Murray, and Reed.

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Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the annual report of the National Endowment for Democracy for fiscal year 1998; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-17).

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Transmitting the report of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting; referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM-18).

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Brian E. Sheridan, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy.

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Messages From the President:

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Messages From the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Statements on Introduced Bills:

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Authority for Committees:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—54)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:33 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Friday, March 19, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2977.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—CIVILIAN RADIOACTIVE WASTE/ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Lake H. Barrett, Acting Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management; and James M. Owendoff, Acting Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, both of the Department of Energy.

APPROPRIATIONS—NASA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, after receiving testimony from Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS—ENERGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Interior and Related Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Energy, focusing on energy conservation, fossil energy research and development, and other related programs, after receiving testimony from Bill Richardson, Secretary of Energy.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, USA, Chief of Staff of the Army; Adm. Jay L. Johnson, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. Charles C. Krulak, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps; and Gen. Michael E. Ryan, USAF, Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

AIR FORCE AND ARMY READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded hearings to examine the readiness of the United States Air Force and Army operating forces, after receiving testimony from Gen. Richard E. Hawley, USAF, Commanding General, Air Combat Command; Gen. Charles T. Robertson, USAF, Commanding General, Air Mobility Command; Lt. Gen. George A. Crocker, USA,

Commanding General, I Corps and Fort Lewis; Lt. Gen. William F. Kernan, USA, Commanding General, XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg; Lt. Gen. Leon J. LaPorte, USA, Commanding General, III Corps and Fort Hood; Maj. Gen. Roger C. Schultz, ARNG, Director, Army National Guard; and Maj. Gen. Thomas J. Plewes, USAR, Chief, Army Reserve.

2000 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee ordered favorably reported an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 2000 through 2009.

OPEN SPACE AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings to examine the loss of open space and environmental quality, focusing on sprawl and development, and related proposals, after receiving testimony from Senators Landrieu, Feinstein, and Leahy; David Hayes, Counselor to the Secretary of the Interior; Maryland Governor Parris N. Glendening, Annapolis; Andrew Falender, Appalachian Mountain Club, Boston, Massachusetts; Chris Montague, Montana Land Reliance, Billings; and R. Max Peterson, International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Roy Kienitz, Surface Transportation Policy Project, and Ralph Grossi, American Farmland Trust, all of Washington, D.C.

MEDICARE FINANCIAL STATUS

Committee on Finance: Committee continued hearings to examine spending and enrollment patterns in the Medicare program, the impact on those patterns of Medicare savings in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, the Medicare+Choice Program, and the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for Medicare, including issues associated with expanding coverage, fee-for-service spending reductions, trust fund proposal, and prescription drug benefits, after receiving testimony from Dan L. Crippen, Director, Congressional Budget Office; and David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office.

INDONESIA ELECTIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs held hearings to examine recent developments in Indonesia, focusing on new election laws, the election schedule, disproportionate government control, economic reform, and political stability, after receiving testimony from Stanley O. Roth, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and Edward E. Masters, United States-Indonesia Society, Sidney Jones, Asia Division

of the Human Rights Watch, and R. Michael Gadbaw, United States-Indonesia Business Committee, US-ASEAN Business Council, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING: PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported, S. 326, to

improve the access and choice of patients to quality, affordable health care, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, March 24.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 36 public bills, H.R. 1175-1210; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 60-66, and H. Res. 122-124 were introduced. **Pages H1471-73**

Reports Filed: One Report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 70, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enact into law eligibility requirements for burial in Arlington National Cemetery (H. Rept. 106-70). **Page H1471**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Father Martin G. Heinz of Rockford, Illinois. **Page H1409**

Missile Defense Policy: The House passed H.R. 4, to declare it to be the policy of the United States to deploy a national missile defense by a ye and nay vote of 317 yeas to 105 nays, Roll No. 59. **Pages H1420-48**

By a ye and nay vote of 152 yeas to 269 nays with 1 voting "present," Roll No. 58, rejected the Allen motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith with an amendment in the nature of a substitute that states that it is the policy of the United States to deploy a ground-based national missile defense provided that it has been demonstrated to be operationally effective against the threat; does not diminish the overall national security of the United States by jeopardizing other efforts to reduce threats including reductions in Russian nuclear forces; and is affordable and does not compromise the ability of the uniformed service chiefs and unified commanders to meet their requirements for operational readiness, quality of life of the troops, programmed modernization of weapons systems, and the deployment of planned theater missile defenses. **Pages H1445-47**

Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 120, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a ye and nay vote of 239 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 57. **Pages H1411-20**

Meeting Hour—March 22: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 22. **Page H1449**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on March 24. **Page H1449**

Joint Economic Committee: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives: Sanford, Doolittle, Campbell, Pitts and Ryan of Wisconsin to the Joint Economic Committee. **Page H1449**

Board of Trustees for the JFK Center for Performing Arts: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Gephardt to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. **Page H1449**

United States Capitol Preservation Commission: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he announced his appointment of Representative Pastor to the Capitol Preservation Commission. **Page H1449**

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Corporation for Public Broadcasting: Message wherein he transmitted report for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting—referred to the Committee on Commerce; and **Pages H1449-50**

National Endowment for Democracy: Message wherein he transmitted the 15th annual report for the National Endowment for Democracy—referred to the Committee on International Relations. **Page H1450**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today

and appear on pages H1419–20, H1447, and H1447–48. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DISASTER ASSISTANCE IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review the USDA's implementation of disaster assistance and the operation of other programs. Testimony was heard from Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Departmental Administration/Chief Financial Officer/Chief Information Officer. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Sally Thompson, Acting Assistant Secretary, Administration and Chief Financial Officer; Anne F. Thomson Reed, Chief Information Officer; and Rosalind Gray, Director, Office of Civil Rights.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary held a hearing on International Organizations and Peacekeeping. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Ambassador Peter Burleigh, Acting U.S. Representative to the United Nations; and David Welch, Assistant Secretary, International Organizations.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on Military Readiness. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, Army; Adm. Donald L. Pilling, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. Terrance R. Dake, USMC, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps; and Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development met in executive session to hold a hearing on Atomic Energy Defense Activities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Victor H. Reis, Assistant Secretary, Office of Defense Programs; Rose E.

Gottemoeller, Director, Office of Nonproliferation and National Security; and Laura S.H. Holgate, Director, Office of Fissile Materials Disposition.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on Service Department of Energy-Fossil Energy. Testimony was heard from Robert W. Gee, Acting Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy, Department of Energy.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Service, and Education, held a hearing on Gallaudet University and on Institute of Museum and Library Services and Railroad Retirement Board. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Education: I King Jordan, President, Gallaudet University; and Judith E. Heumann, Assistant Secretary, Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; Diane B. Frankel, Director, Institute of Museum and Library Services, National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities; and Cherryl T. Thomas, Chair, Railroad Retirement Board.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on the Secretary of Transportation. Testimony was heard from Rodney E. Slater, Secretary of Transportation.

TREASURY—POSTAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on Secretary of the Treasury and on Customs Integrity. Testimony was heard from the Robert E. Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury; and the following officials of the U.S. Customs Service of the Department of the Treasury: Raymond Kelly, Commissioner; William Keefer, Assistant Commissioner for Internal Affairs; Vincent Parolisi, Office of Internal Affairs; and public witnesses.

RECRUITING ISSUES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on recruiting issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Congressional Commission on Servicemembers and Veterans Transition Assistance: Anthony J. Principi, Chairman; and G. Kim Wincup, Vice Chairman; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Francis M. Rush, Jr., Acting Assistant Secretary (Force Management Policy); Maj. Gen. Evan Gaddis, USA, Commanding General, U.S.

Army Recruiting Command; Rear Adm. Barbara McGann, USN, Commander, U.S. Navy Recruiting Command; Brig. Gen. Peter U. Sutton, USAF, Commander, U.S. Air Force Recruiting Service; and Maj. Gen. Garry L. Parks, USMC, Commanding General, U.S. Marine Corps Recruiting Command.

SHIPMENT OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Readiness held a hearing on the shipment of household goods. Testimony was heard from David Warren, Director, Defense Management Issues, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Roger W. Kallock, Deputy Under Secretary (Logistics); Lt. Gen. Roger G. Thompson, USA., Deputy Commander in Chief, U.S. Transportation Command (TRANSCOM); and Brig. Gen. Kenneth L. Privratsky, USA, Director, Transportation, Energy and Troop Support, Department of the Army; and public witnesses.

ELECTRICITY COMPETITION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on Electricity Competition: Evolving Federal and State Roles. Testimony was heard from Vincent A. Persico, member, General Assembly and Co-Chair, Special Committee on Electric Utility Deregulation, State of Illinois; John M. Quain, Chairman, Public Utility Commission, State of Pennsylvania; Craig A. Glazer, Chairman, Public Utility Commission, State of Ohio; Susan F. Clark, Commissioner, Public Service Commission, State of Florida; Marsha Smith, Commissioner, Public Utility Commission, State of Idaho; and public witnesses.

BOND PRICE COMPETITION IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on the Bond Price Competition Improvement Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Arthur Leavitt, Jr., Chairman, SEC; and public witnesses.

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families held a hearing on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act: Preventing Juvenile Crime at School and in the Community. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES—LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on Long Term Care Insurance for Federal Employees. Testimony was heard

from the following officials of the OPM: Janice Lachance, Director; and William E. Flynn III, Associate Director, Retirement and Insurance Services; and public witnesses.

DRUG ABUSE—PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a hearing on Overview of Agency Efforts to Prevent and Treat Drug Abuse. Testimony was heard from Daniel Schecter, Deputy Director, Demand-Reduction (Acting), Office of National Drug Control Policy; from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Richard A. Millstein, Deputy Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH; and Joseph H. Autry, III, M.D., Deputy Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; and Vicki Verdeyen, Psychology Services Programs, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice.

OVERSIGHT—FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AT JUSTICE AND FAA

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on Oversight of Financial Management Practices at the Department of Justice and the Federal Aviation Administration. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Michael Bromwich, Inspector General; and Stephen Colgate, Assistant Attorney General, Administration; Linda Calbom, Director, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Accounting and Financial Management, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; and from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: John Meche, Deputy Assistant Inspector General, Financial, Economic, and Information Technology; David K. Kleinberg, Deputy Chief Financial Officer; and Carl Schellenberg, Assistant Administrator, Financial Services, FAA.

VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS VIEWS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs, and International Relations held a hearing on views of Veterans Service Organizations. Testimony was heard from representatives of veterans organizations.

BANKRUPTCY REFORM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, continued hearings on H.R. 833, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representatives Leach and Roukema; the following Bankruptcy Judges: Thomas

Carlson, Northern District of California; and Tina Brozman, Chief Judge, Southern District of New York; Jere W. Glover, Chief Counsel, Office of Advocacy, SBA; Oliver Ireland, Associate General Counsel, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION ANTIPIRACY ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 354, Collections of Information Antipiracy Act. Testimony was heard from Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights, Library of Congress; Andrew Pincus, General Counsel, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

NURSING RELIEF FOR DISADVANTAGED AREAS ACT; OVERSIGHT—ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims approved for full Committee action H.R. 441, Nursing Relief for Disadvantaged Areas Act of 1999.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on illegal immigration. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Michael R. Bromwich, Inspector General; Michael D. Cronin, Associate Commissioner, Programs and Louis Nardi, Director, Investigations, Field Operations, both with the Immigration and Naturalization Service; and Amy Dale, Administrator, Detention Services, Federal Bureau of Prisons; Donna J. Hamilton, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Consular Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

LAND SOVEREIGNTY

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing on H.R. 883, to preserve the sovereignty of the United States over public lands and acquired lands owned by the United States, and to preserve State sovereignty and private property rights in non-Federal lands surrounding those public lands and acquired lands. Testimony was heard from Representative Emerson; Melinda L. Kimble, Acting Assistant Secretary, Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State; Kate Stevenson, Associate Director, Cultural Resources, Stewardship and Partnership, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—BUDGET REQUESTS—NOAA AND NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight

hearing on the fiscal year 2000 budget request of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Marine Fisheries Service. Testimony was heard from D. James Baker, Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 66, to preserve the cultural resources of Route 66 Corridor and to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance; H.R. 658, Thomas Cole National Historic Site Act; and H.R. 659, to authorize appropriations for the protection of Paoli and Brandywine Battlefields in Pennsylvania, to direct the National Park Service to conduct a special resource study of Paoli and Brandywine Battlefields, to authorize the Valley Forge Museum of the American Revolution at Valley Forge National Historical Park.

OVERSIGHT—AUTHORIZATION REQUEST; EPA RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment held an oversight hearing on fiscal year 2000 Budget Authorization Request: Environmental Protection Agency Research and Development. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the EPA: Norine Noonan, Assistant Administrator, Research and Development, Office of Research and Development; and W. Randall Seeker, Chairman, Research Strategies Advisory Committee, Science Advisory Board; and David G. Wood, Assistant Director, Resources, Community and Economic Development Division, GAO.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation continued hearings on the following bills: H.R. 700, Airline Passenger Bill of Rights Act of 1999, H.R. 780, Passenger Entitlement and Competition Enhancement Act of 1999, and H.R. 908, Aviation Consumer Right to Know Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representatives Dingell, Forbes and Slaughter; Nancy E. McFadden, General Counsel, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY BURIAL ELIGIBILITY ACT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported H.R. 70, Arlington National Cemetery Burial Eligibility Act.

MEDICARE+CHOICE PROGRAM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the Medicare+Choice Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services: Robert A. Berenson, M.D., Director, Center for Health Plans and Providers; Carol Cronin, Director, Center for Beneficiary Services; and Jeffrey Kang, M.D., Director and Chief Clinical Officer, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality; and public witnesses.

STRUCTURED SETTLEMENTS—TAX TREATMENT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on Tax Treatment of Structured Settlements. Testimony was heard from Joseph Mikrut, Tax Legislative Counsel, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

BUDGET: IMAGERY INTELLIGENCE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Fiscal Year 2000 Budget: Imagery Intelligence. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings**HUMAN RIGHTS IN TURKEY**

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded hearings to

review United States policy and strategy for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in preparation for the OSCE Summit Meeting scheduled to convene in Istanbul this year, after receiving testimony from Marc Grossman, Assistant Secretary for European Affairs, and Harold Koh, Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, both of the Department of State; Stephen Rickard, Amnesty International USA, Washington, D.C.; Douglas A. Johnson, Center for Victims of Torture, Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Neil Hicks, Middle East and North Africa Program, Lawyers Committee for Human Rights, New York, New York.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
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(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

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